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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

Masami TOYAMA, Motomi TAKEMOTO,
Akinori YOSHIDA, Hiroaki IKEDA, Tomokazu
KATO, and Junko NATSUME

For:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING A
DISPLAY CHANGEABLE IN COLOR
ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL MODE

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted
concurrently with the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application.

A Petition For Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office
Action, dated July 30, 2001, for one additional month to November 30, 2001, is being
filed concurrently herewith.